

die schuldigkeit
des ersten und
vornehmsten gebotes



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Welcome back from the high holy days, you-all. This is what it says it is, cheerfully presenting the Press Release Game, which has slackened badly with the holiday hiatus.

Enclosed is the poetry contest ballot, which you must return by ~~the~~ February 2, 1972.

Game 1971-BA - Spring 1903

AUSTRIANS CREAMED!
GERMANS, BRITISH COWER WITH FEAR AS
RUSSIA STOPS HESITANCY.

AUSTRIA (Manogg): a vie-boh. a ser-bul. a bud-vie. a tri (h). f gre
(s) ser-bul.
ENGLAND (Barrows): No moves rec'd. F's nth, nwg, eo (h).
FRANCE (Peery): -a bel (h). a mar (s)-bur. a bur (s) bel. f glyon (s)
spa. f spa se (s) glyon.
GERMANY (Just): No moves rec'd. A's den, holl, mun, ber; f kie (h).
ITALY (Walker): a tyo (s) ven-tri. a ven-tri. f ion (s) tur aeg-bre.
f whed (s) fre spa-mid.
RUSSIA (Ward): a nwy (h). a fin-swe. a ukr-gal. a rum-ser. f sev (h).
f swe-bal. f stp no (s) nwy.
TURKEY (Ver Ploeg): a con-bul. a bul-gre. f bla (s) con-bul. f aeg
(s) bul-gre.

The Austrian fleet Greece retreats to Albania. The Austrian army
Trieste retreats to Budapest.

Fall 1903 moves are due Wednesday, February 2, 1972.

Two subscribers have independently identified Bob Ward's mystery
flag; Lewis Pulsipher and Bill Linden. It is the flag of Aggressor
Homeland, an apparently now-defunct wargaming association which was
Nazi-like in organizational structure.

I showed these identifications to Bob over the holidays and he
offers congratulations to both individuals for being half right. But
guess what, folks! AHiks got their flag from someone else, and it is
that once-more-removed source that Bob raided. So the flag is STILL
a mystery.

The limerick's furtive and mean.
You must keep her in close quarantine,
Or she sneaks to the slums
Where she promptly becomes
Disorderly, drunk and obscene.

The Limerick on the preceding page, by Morris Bishop, was submitted by Bill Mindes. Also, I wrote a belated poem of sorts in a fit of nausea one afternoon:

I will shoot you in the eye with my squirt bottle.
I will shoot as I go by in a raddle.
I will shoot you fair and square
And you'll wish you weren't there
'Cause your eyes they will fall out in a poddle.

PENRIS (3 Jan. 1903): The French Government today announced it had suspended diplomatic relations with Turkey following a high-level meeting between representatives of the French Foreign Service and the Turkish Government. The meetings, held in a ping pong court in San Francisco, were attended by plenipotentiaries from all over the Bay Area. Among those attending were: Yrihuan Chen, Minister of External and Internal and Internal Affairs for the Mongolian Peoples' Republic; The Not So Reverend Brian Bailly (S.J., V.S.O.I., S.O.L., D.D.T.); and Wikki Wikki Vee Floop (the inventor of the Flatypus Pie - 2 parts gin to 3 parts goat's milk). After hours of negotiations which got nowhere, the French Foreign Minister announced plans to join forces with the Turks in a Holy War against the Walkerites had collapsed. In the meantime, rumors have been heard that the French Royal Family is about to sell its royal yacht, the 'Odd Ball,' and purchase a newer boat, the S.S. 'Allan Ginzberg.'
Oh hoell. Hoell is what they celebrate in Hell, naturally.

JAMUL: In a grand advertising campaign begun today, Jamul Record Co. has announced the release of its first classical album, entitled 'Dirty Music - Works by Gay, Suk, Blow, Far, and Schoidt.'

ANNARA: I think we're all Bored on this bus.

BULGARIA: "Gosh, I'm tired o' pushin' west - how long ago d'we leave Goshen?" "About two hours." "Whow. No wonder."

BULGARIA TO GREECE: What is happening to all the windbags around here? What is happening to INN?

BULGARIA TO BUDAPEST: Fair game - but we are writing FAR too many letters to each other.

JAMUL TO GOSHEN: You pushed too hard.

JAMUL TO COIT TOWER: The 49'ers lost. You am US BOTH!

JAMUL: I'm writing far too many press releases. I have to save myself for the reportage of the takeover of California from that bitch Garrigus. Hey, Sultan, would you object to having Jamulian troops stationed in your pad? I need 'em to snare the Sacramentoites when next they crawl into town. WE'll bring our own women and pay for what we use.

OSTIA (6 Feb. 1903): Our reporters in Italy, Sir Cedric Hardheade, writes that it is still impossible to tell who is in control of Rome after the collapse of the Democratic Unified Free Italian Socialist Republic. First Secretary and President Emilliano Lasagna has fled to Spoleto, where he has proclaimed the 'Italian People's Republic.' In Rome, however, the situation is terribly confused. Pope Urban IX seems to hold the west bank of the Tiber, with the Vatican City, proclaiming a new Patrimony

ITALY, 1 April 1903

COUNTRIES SHOWN BY NUMBER:

1. HERMAPHRODITIC REP.
2. GRAND EMPIRE OF ELBA
3. ORGATE OF CAPRI
4. WORKER'S ACTION GOVERNMENT OF NAPLES
5. KOSHER AND MONOLITHIC MONARCHY OF THE DESCENDENTS OF HEROD
6. SUBLIMINAL AND HETEROSEXUAL DUCH OF ESTE
7. CELESTIAL AND TAOIST SUPINOCRACY OF LUCCA
8. ECCENTRICITY OF MODENA
9. COUNTY OF MONTE CRISTO
10. REGULAR AND DETESTABLE AUTOCRACY OF DESILRABIA
11. GANGLION OF THE PO
12. PEERIOCRACY OF COMO
13. DYSPEPSTATE OF RIZZO
14. PEERIOCRACY OF GROSSETO
15. RAJEMEE OF CALABRIA
16. INELUCIBLE KINGDOM OF SICILY OF THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS
17. CLIQUEOCRACY OF LIPARI



of St. Peter. Emperor Caligula II, however, holds the east bank of the Tiber. There is sporadic firing across the river and confusion in much of the city as to whether to recognize the Papal States or the Neo-Roman Empire. Outside the immediate vicinity of Rome, however, the Papacy, the New Empire, and the Peoples' Republic alike have lost authority, as the whole of Italy seems to have entered utter anarchy. It is reported here that Queen Sira-Allinea has landed in Salerno and rules much of the south. Her army is said to have been defeated by the Archbishop of Benevento, who has proclaimed a Theocracy, but does not recognize the Pope (there is apparently a Pope in Benevento, too, our friend Felix VI). 'Abd-ar-Raunchid, Sultan of Bari, has attacked the Queen and the Archbishop, but without notable success. Very little can be made out of what is going on.

ANCONA (12 Feb. 1903): Trionfo di Afrodite, Grand Pimp of the People's Union of Self-Indulgent, Hedonistic, and Erotic Republics, today declared that in alliance with the Hermaphroditic Republic of Capua, he had declared war on the Papacy and the Neo-Roman Empire. "The forces of F.U.S.H.E.R. will rape, sack, and pillage!" diAfrodite screamed from his balcony. Shortly later, after a conference with the President of the Hair-Dresser's, Soldier's, and Male Prostitute's Union, he reappeared on the balcony and shouted, "Correction! The forces of P.U.S.H.E.R. will rape, rape, and rape!"

CACLIARI (21 Feb. 1903) (Olive Press): Selim the Ship, Emir of the Ephemeral and Pacillaninous Emirate of Sardinia, today declared his absolute neutrality in the wars going on in Italy. Hiding behind row upon row of massive, superhuman guards (all of them quaking from abject terror), Selim told reporters, "We have all we can handle right here. We expect a fear-some attack from Tavolara any minute." (Upon investigation, this reporter found that the Eternal and Fearless Kingdom of Tavolara is a small island, two miles long, population 85, off the northeast coast of Sardinia. The current queen, Agatha quiverlimbs, once tried to sawt a fly and failed - although she did not miss.)

STRONGOLI (3 March 1903) (Wine Press): Uncle Tom Sambo, Kazembe of Calabria, today lashed out at Sultan 'Abd-ar-Raunchid of Bari, whom he accused of cheating him on the price of the last lot of slaves to leave the port here. The Kazembe wanted and raved about underpayment for 15 minutes before reporters asked him if the price quoted wasn't the one agreed upon. "Sho', sho'," said Tom, "but now ah'm havin' secon' thoughts." (The reader should note that the black subjects of the Kazembe are part of a lucrative trade in slaves carried on through Bari with various slave-holder states in Italy, such as Ol' Massa-Carrara, the New Carthaginian Empire, the In-eluctable Kingdom of Sicily of the Latter-Day Saints, the Emirate of Sardinia, the Neo-Roman Empire, and so on.) (For all of this, please note the map on the next page, or the last page, or wherever Conrad puts it.)

JAMUL: Open house at Casa Dale is from 5-8 p.m. daily (no pun intended - and Casa Dale is not, thank you, the same as quesadilla) for anyone who cares to rummage through the wastebasket. (Well, Rod, it's your fault; you said "please refer to the map...wherever Conrad puts it.")

JAMUL: William Katsaliboba, Information Minister for the Jamul Citizens' Council, today announced the signing of a mutual non-aggression and defense treaty with the Eternal and Fearless Kingdom of Tavolara. In return for not offering sanctuary to any of the evil foul Sacramentoites, Tavolara is to receive from Jamul one gross cans of Black Flag Fly Spray.

JAMUL: Speaking of chopping Italy up into innumerable petty segments reminds us of the time Bill Gregory had these twenty-six guys come in to his slaughterhouse with a fresh-killed hog and they wanted equal

...and should have given the way ol' BILL cut that hog man!...

ST. PETERSBURG: Tsar Nicholas today held an extraordinary press conference to explain Russian military actions in the Trans-Saandinavian region. "Our realignment of forces is non-threatening and highly defensive. We note that our German ally, who had a unit in excellent position in the west, decided to deliberately sacrifice those men in order to raise a unit in Berlin. While we cannot be sure that this is testimony of incipient treachery, discretion suggested a possible counter-move to reinforce our desire for friendship with possible sanctions if we are not heard."

SEVASTOPOL: General Fopogord ended two seasons of uncertainty with a firm decision on the future of the Grand Duchy. A Treaty of Alliance with the Turkish Empire was concluded and signed at 5:30 a.m. after extensive negotiations. It is reliably reported that a key element in the settlement was the transmittal to a numbered Swiss account of the profits from three of the biggest opium provinces in Turkey, together with a threatened embargo of the product itself if the alliance were not signed.

ROUGH AND READY: This small valley town was recaptured today by the Reconnaissance Platoon of the 184th Infantry. The attack was a complete success as members of the Long Range Patrol Section sprang out of the Good Humor trucks which had transported them from Sacramento. The original operation had called for taxis, but these were unaccountably diverted to Fresno. Captain Kenneth Strong denied that the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce played any part in either this operation or the disaster last week at Dulzura. "Obviously whoever started that rumor has no knowledge of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce. They have not engaged in any project since their founding. Anyway, it would not have been in the defense of Dulzura since they are easily the most offensive group in town."

CAMPO: Capture of this important road junction was announced today by the 65th Civil Air Patrol Squadron. Four sky diver members chuted into the main square and cut off communication between Jamul and Tecate. Loss of this important supply base is expected to bring the Jamulian government (and people) down and end the rebellion. H. Princetonia Garrigus herself will be flying to Campo as part of her triumphant tour of former rebel territory.

JAMUL: In a stirring speech delivered this afternoon on the step of St. Pius X Catholic Church here, United States Senator Vance Yorty announced his candidacy for Governor of California in 1974. Yorty, who has served sixteen consecutive terms in the Senate preceded by twelve terms in the House and eleven terms as Mayor of Dixville Notch, New Hampshire ('the only town in the U.S. with a foreign policy, save one notable exception'), says he plans to campaign for "a restoration of public participation in the decision-making apparatus whereby the citizenry will no longer languish in the darkroom of me-too-ism. Or something." When asked how he can possibly run for Governor of California when he is a Senator from Indiana, Yorty smiled and referred to the years 1965-6, wherein he was simultaneously a Congressman, a Senator, and a Mayor - each in a different state. (He was also Dixville Notch's Ambassador to South Vietnam.)

REDDING: Colonel Armand Saunders, commander of the 133d Jamul Light Infantry Volunteer Fire Brigade, announced at a press conference the capture of the territorial bulk of Northern California "right out from under Garrigus's rhinoceros!" Col. Saunders proceeded to unveil an already-perpetrated plot whereby 'Loyalist' State Legislators were bribed to guarantee "certain reapportionment concessions" in return

for which two Congressmen whose districts had been "left intact" hired the entire complement of the 133d as Campaign Advisors. Thus the troops accompanied these Congressmen, Don Clausen and "Rizzo" Johnson, throughout their campaign stops and systematically eradicated pockets of Sacramentoite resistance. "Withholding helped," conceded Saunders, "but in general the 133d was responsible for the securing of entire county after county, including several important cities and towns." Among the liberated cities mentioned were San Rafael, Eureka, Redding, Marysville, Eureka, Weed, Marysville, Santa Rosa, Red Bluff, and sixty-three slot machines in a back room at Tahoe Vista. Profits from the latter are expected to provide the bulk of the planned future bribe of Congressman John Moss in the final assault on Princetonia's home bastion.

CALYUCOS: Scattered fighting in this tiny town far removed from the theatre of battle broke out today as a Jural flag was hoisted by patriots atop the Point Piedras Blancas Lighthouse. The rebels quickly overcame opposition and brought yet another brave, clean, reverent town into the liberation camp.

FOURERO: Operations here, near the battle lines surrounding Campo, are heard to express astonishment at the fantastic announcement coming from Sacramento that the loyalist capture of Campo "cut communication between Jural and Teocote." These observers point out that Campo is east of both other towns, thus making it of only minimal importance. Max Mulch, the mayor of Fourero, commented: "The only thing them sky divers cut was their butts when they landed in some barbed wire. It is true, they have forced us to reroute military convoys to and from Plaster City and Westmoreland; but hell, if they want that part of California they can have it." Meanwhile, it appears that the entrenched garrisons at all points along the Jural-Teocote highway are still in rebel hands, and Campo itself is surrounded by rebel troops outnumbering the Government forces by a ratio of 3,575-1. (This, as a matter of fact, is not only the ratio, it is also the exact numerical count, since the other two sky divers split for Guadalajara last week.)

MORENA LAKE: Accompanying the rebel besiegers of Campo today was Poet Laureate of Jural Percy Wadsworth Guest, who celebrated the surrender of the Campo Crist Mill this morning with a poem.

TO THE DAM, WITH SMIGGERS

I think that I shall never see
A Princetonia lovely as a tree.
Unless the tree had all its leaves
killed off by watering with dog pee.

and so we come to the end of another thrilling episode. However, much to the chagrin of the readership, there's always a next time.